# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA CEDAR RAPIDS DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	
Plaintiff,	No. CR 07-101-MWB
vs.	TA COMPANSION ON COMPANSION OF
ROBERT MIELL,	INSTRUCTIONS TO THE JURY
Defendant.	

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## **VERDICT FORM**

## **INSTRUCTION NO. 1 - INTRODUCTION**

Members of the jury, I am giving you these Instructions to help you better understand the trial and your role in it. Consider these instructions, together with all written and oral instructions that I may give you during or at the end of the trial, and apply them as a whole to the facts of the case.

As I explained during jury selection, in an Indictment, a Grand Jury charges defendant Robert Miell with offenses that I will call "filing false tax returns." As I also explained during jury selection, an Indictment is simply an accusation. It is not evidence of anything. The defendant has pled not guilty to the crimes charged against him, and he is presumed to be innocent of each offense unless and until the prosecution proves his guilt on that offense beyond a reasonable doubt.

Your duty is to decide from the evidence whether the defendant is not guilty or guilty of each charge against him. You will find the facts from the evidence. You are the sole judges of the facts, but you must follow the law as stated in these instructions, whether you agree with it or not.

Do not allow sympathy or prejudice to influence you. The law demands of you a just verdict, based solely on the evidence, your common sense, and the law in these instructions. Do not take anything that I have said or done during jury selection or that I may say or do during the trial as indicating what I think of the evidence or what I think your verdict should be. Similarly, do not conclude from any ruling or other comment that I have made or may make that I have any opinions on how you should decide the case.

Please remember that only defendant Robert Miell, not anyone else, is on trial here. Also, remember that this defendant is on trial *only* for the offenses charged against him in the Indictment, not for anything else.

The defendant is entitled to have each charge against him considered separately based solely on the evidence that applies to that charge. *Therefore, you must give separate consideration to each charge against the defendant and return a separate, unanimous verdict on each charge against the defendant.* 

## **INSTRUCTION NO. 2 - PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

Before I turn to specific instructions on the offenses charged in this case, I must explain some preliminary matters.

#### "Elements"

Each offense charged in this case consists of "elements," which the prosecution must prove beyond a reasonable doubt against the defendant in order to convict him of that offense. I will summarize in the following instructions the elements of the offenses with which the defendant is charged.

## **Timing**

The Indictment alleges that the offenses were committed "on or about" certain dates. The prosecution does not have to prove with certainty the exact date of a charged offense. It is sufficient if the prosecution's evidence establishes that a charged offense occurred within a reasonable time of the date alleged for that offense in the Indictment.

## "Intent," "Knowledge," and "Willfulness"

The elements of the charged offenses may require proof of the defendant's "intent," "knowledge," or "willfulness." "Intent," "knowledge," and "willfulness" are mental states. Where the defendant's mental state is an element of an offense, the defendant's mental state must be proved beyond a reasonable doubt. It is seldom, if ever, possible to determine directly the operations of the human mind. Nevertheless, "intent," "knowledge," and "willfulness" may be proved like

anything else, from reasonable inferences and deductions drawn from the facts proved by the evidence.

An act was done "knowingly" if the defendant was aware of the act and did not act through ignorance, mistake, or accident. The prosecution is not required to prove that a defendant knew that his acts or omissions were unlawful. An act was done "intentionally" if the defendant did the act voluntarily, without coercion, and not because of ignorance, mistake, accident, or inadvertence. An act was done "willfully" if the defendant did the act voluntarily and intentionally with the purpose of violating a known legal duty.

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I will now give you more specific instructions about the offenses charged in the Indictment.

## **INSTRUCTION NO. 3 - FILING FALSE TAX RETURNS**

Counts 1 and 2 of the Indictment charge Miell with "filing false tax returns." More specifically:

Count 1 charges that, on or about April 15, 2002, defendant Miell willfully filed a false tax return for calendar year 2001, based on failure to declare as income funds received from American Family Insurance (AFI) for insurance coverage for hail damage to roofs of rental properties owned by Miell, when in truth, and as Miell then and there well knew and believed, he had obtained those funds through fraudulent means and had not used them for their intended purpose, so that the funds constituted taxable income.

Count 2 charges that, on or about September 15, 2003, defendant Miell willfully filed a false tax return for calendar year 2002, based on failure to declare as income funds received from AFI for insurance coverage for hail damage to roofs of rental properties owned by Miell, when in truth, and as Miell then and there well knew and believed, he had obtained those funds through fraudulent means and had not used them for their intended purpose, so that the funds constituted taxable income.

The defendant denies that he committed these offenses.

To prove a particular count of "filing a false tax return," as charged in **Counts 1 and 2**, the prosecution must prove all of the following elements beyond a reasonable doubt as to that count:

One, on or about the date alleged in the Count in question, Robert Miell made and signed a U.S. Individual Tax return for the year in question.

If an individual's name is signed to a filed tax return, then you may find that the tax return was in fact signed by that person, unless and until that conclusion is outweighed by evidence in the case which leads you to a different or contrary conclusion.

Two, the return contained a written declaration that it was signed under penalties of perjury.

Three, the return was false as to a material matter.

The tax return in question must be false in that it failed to declare as income funds received from American Family Insurance (AFI), when those funds had been obtained through fraudulent means and had not been used for their intended purpose, so that the funds constituted taxable income. That is, the prosecution must prove that Robert Miell received income in addition to that reported on his return, regardless of the amount, from an "insurance fraud scheme." The "insurance fraud scheme" is explained for you in Instruction No. 4. The prosecution is not required to prove that the defendant owed any additional taxes for the years at issue. Whether the government has or has not suffered a monetary loss as a result of the allegedly false return is not an element of this offense. Rather, the false matter is "material" if the matter was capable of influencing the Internal Revenue Service.

## Four, Robert Miell did not believe that the return was true and correct.

If you find that there is proof beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant signed his tax return, that is evidence from which you may, but are not required to, find or infer that he had knowledge of the contents of the return. In this case, the prosecution must prove that, at the time he signed the tax return, Robert Miell then and there well knew and believed that he was required by law and regulation to declare as income funds received from AFI when those funds had been obtained through fraudulent means and had not been used for their intended purpose, so that the funds constituted taxable income, and that he had not declared such income.

## Five, Robert Miell acted willfully in filing the false return.

"Willfulness" was defined for you in **Instruction No. 2**, on page 3.

If the prosecution fails to prove these elements beyond a reasonable doubt as to a particular count of "filing a false tax return," then you must find the defendant not guilty of that count.

## INSTRUCTION NO. 4 - THE INSURANCE FRAUD SCHEME

Prior to trial, defendant Miell pleaded guilty to six counts of mail fraud arising from a scheme that I have called the "insurance fraud scheme." These counts charged that, from at least as early as December 11, 2001, until at least December 9, 2002, Miell pursued a scheme to defraud American Family Insurance (AFI) of payments for repairs of hail damage to the roofs of over one hundred rental properties owned by defendant Miell in Linn County, Iowa, based on allegations that, contrary to Miell's representations to obtain such payments, the roofs had not already been repaired. Relying on, and because of, defendant Miell's false claims and false documentation, AFI mailed approximately \$336,000 in replacement cost value (RCV) payments to pay defendant Miell for nonexistent roof repair payments. It is these funds that the prosecution must prove Miell failed to report as income on the tax returns at issue in Counts 1 and 2.

# INSTRUCTION NO. 5 - THE DEFENDANT'S SPECIFIC DEFENSE

In addition to his contentions that the prosecution cannot prove the elements of the offenses charged against him, defendant Robert Miell asserts the following specific defense to certain of the charges against him.

## Good faith

As a defense to the "filing a false tax return" charges in Counts 1 and 2, Robert Miell contends that he acted in "good faith." "Good faith" is a complete defense to the "filing a false tax return" charges if it is inconsistent with "willfulness." Therefore, you may consider evidence that the defendant acted in "good faith," together with all of the other evidence in the case, in determining whether or not the defendant acted "willfully" as required to prove the "filing a false tax return" charges. I will now explain in more detail the specific "good faith" defense that defendant Miell raises to the charges in question.

# Good faith as to the charges of filing false tax returns

As explained in **Instruction No. 3**, the fifth element of a charge of "filing a false tax return" requires the prosecution to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that defendant Miell acted "willfully" in filing the false return in question. If a taxpayer in good faith believes that an income tax return as prepared by him truthfully reports the taxable income and allowable deductions of the taxpayer under the internal revenue laws, that taxpayer cannot be guilty of willfully preparing or presenting, or causing to be prepared or presented, a false or fraudulent return.

Defendant Miell contends that he acted in good faith, in part, because he relied on his accountant to determine the proper tax treatment of casualty loss insurance proceeds and that, if the funds received from AFI were not afforded the required tax treatment in either of the tax returns in question, that omission was not willful on his part. Reliance on a tax accountant is not a defense to the charged crimes. Rather, it is only a circumstance that you may consider in determining whether the defendant acted in good faith and lacked the required "willfulness" in filing a false tax return. The defendant did not act "willfully" if, before taking any action with regard to the filing of the tax returns in question, he consulted in good faith an accountant that he considered competent for the purpose of securing advice on the lawfulness of his tax treatment of insurance proceeds and made a full and accurate report to that accountant of all material facts that he knew or reasonably should have known, and then acted strictly in accordance with the advice given to him by that accountant. Whether the defendant acted in good faith for the purpose of seeking advice from an accountant concerning questions about which he was in doubt, and whether he made a full and complete report to that accountant, and whether he acted strictly in accordance with the advice that he received, are all questions for you to determine. Again, advice of an accountant does not confer complete immunity to a charge of filing a false tax return under all circumstances. Specifically, no one can intentionally and knowingly violate the law and excuse himself from the consequences by claiming that he followed the advice of his accountant.

# INSTRUCTION NO. 6 - PRESUMPTION OF INNOCENCE AND BURDEN OF PROOF

The defendant is presumed innocent and, therefore, not guilty. This presumption of innocence requires you to put aside all suspicion that might arise from the defendant's arrest or charge or the fact that he is here in court. The presumption of innocence remains with the defendant throughout the trial. That presumption alone is sufficient to find him not guilty. The presumption of innocence may be overcome as to a charged offense only if the prosecution proves, beyond a reasonable doubt, *all* of the elements of that offense against the defendant.

The burden is always upon the prosecution to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. The burden never shifts to the defendant to prove his innocence. Therefore, the law never imposes upon a defendant in a criminal case the burden or duty of calling any witnesses or producing any evidence. A defendant is not even obligated to produce any evidence by cross-examining the witnesses who are called to testify by the prosecution. Similarly, if the defendant does not testify, you must not consider that fact in any way, or even discuss it, in arriving at your verdict.

Unless the prosecution proves beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant has committed each and every element of an offense charged against him, you must find him not guilty of that offense.

## **INSTRUCTION NO. 7 - REASONABLE DOUBT**

A reasonable doubt may arise from the evidence produced by either the prosecution or the defendant, keeping in mind that the defendant never has the burden or duty of calling any witnesses or producing any evidence. A reasonable doubt may also arise from the prosecution's lack of evidence. A reasonable doubt is a doubt based upon reason and common sense. A reasonable doubt is the kind of doubt that would make a reasonable person hesitate to act. Proof beyond a reasonable doubt, therefore, must be proof of such a convincing character that a reasonable person would not hesitate to rely and act upon it in the more serious and important transactions of life. On the other hand, proof beyond a reasonable doubt does not mean proof beyond all possible doubt.

### **INSTRUCTION NO. 8 - DEFINITION OF EVIDENCE**

Your verdict must be based only on the evidence presented in this case and these and any other instructions that may be given to you during the trial. Evidence is:

- 1. Testimony.
- 2. Exhibits that are admitted into evidence.
- 3. Stipulations, which are agreements between the parties.

Evidence may be "direct" or "circumstantial." The law makes no distinction between the weight to be given to direct and circumstantial evidence. The weight to be given any evidence is for you to decide.

A particular item of evidence is sometimes admitted only for a limited purpose, and not for any other purpose. I will tell you if that happens, and instruct you on the purposes for which the item can and cannot be used.

The fact that an exhibit may be shown to you does not mean that you must rely on it more than you rely on other evidence.

The following are not evidence:

- 1. Statements, arguments, questions, and comments by the lawyers.
- 2. Objections and rulings on objections.
- 3. Testimony that I tell you to disregard.
- 4. Anything that you see or hear about this case outside the courtroom.

The weight of the evidence is not determined merely by the number of witnesses testifying as to the existence or non-existence of any fact. Also, the

weight of the evidence is not determined merely by the number or volume of documents or exhibits. The weight of the evidence depends upon its quality, which means how convincing it is, and not merely upon its quantity. For example, you may choose to believe the testimony of one witness, if you find that witness to be convincing, even if a number of other witnesses contradict the witness's testimony. Also, you are free to disbelieve the testimony of any or all witnesses. The quality and weight of the evidence are for you to decide.

## **INSTRUCTION NO. 9 - CREDIBILITY AND IMPEACHMENT**

In deciding what the facts are, you will have to decide what testimony you believe and what testimony you do not believe. You may believe all of what a witness says, only part of it, or none of it.

In deciding what testimony to believe, consider each witness's intelligence, the opportunity the witness had to see or hear the things the witness testifies about, the witness's memory, any motives the witness may have for testifying a certain way, the manner of the witness while testifying, whether the witness said something different at an earlier time, the witness's drug or alcohol use or addiction, if any, the general reasonableness of the witness's testimony, and the extent to which the witness's testimony is consistent or inconsistent with any other evidence. In deciding whether or not to believe a witness, keep in mind that people sometimes see or hear things differently and sometimes forget things. You need to consider, therefore, whether a contradiction results from an innocent misrecollection or sincere lapse of memory, or instead from an intentional falsehood or pretended lapse of memory.

If the defendant testifies, you should judge his testimony in the same manner in which you judge the testimony of any other witness. If the defendant testifies, and you hear testimony about the defendant's character and reputation for truthfulness, you may consider that testimony only in deciding whether to believe the defendant's testimony and how much weight to give it.

Ordinarily, witnesses may only testify to factual matters within their personal knowledge. However, you may hear evidence from persons described as experts. Persons may become qualified as experts in some field by knowledge, skill, training, education, or experience. Such experts may state their opinions on matters in that field and may also state the reasons for their opinions. You should consider expert testimony just like any other testimony. You may believe all of what an expert says, only part of it, or none of it, considering the expert's qualifications, the soundness of the reasons given for the opinion, the acceptability of the methods used, any reason that the expert may be biased, and all of the other evidence in the case.

A person who is not an expert may also give an opinion, if that opinion is not based on scientific, technical, or other specialized knowledge, but is rationally based on the witness's perception. You may give an opinion of a non-expert witness whatever weight you think such an opinion deserves, based on the reasons and perceptions on which the opinion is based, any reason that the witness may be biased, and all of the other evidence in the case.

Just because a witness works in law enforcement or is employed by the government does not mean you should give any more or less weight or credence to that witness's testimony than you give to any other witness's testimony.

A witness may be discredited or impeached by contradictory evidence; by a showing that the witness testified falsely concerning a material matter; or by evidence that at some other time the witness said or did something, or has failed to say or do something, that is inconsistent with the witness's present testimony. If

earlier statements of a witness are admitted into evidence, they will not be admitted to prove that the contents of those statements are true. Instead, you may consider those earlier statements only to determine whether you think they are consistent or inconsistent with the trial testimony of the witness and, therefore, whether they affect the credibility of that witness.

If you believe that a witness has been discredited or impeached, it is your exclusive right to give that witness's testimony whatever weight you think it deserves.

## INSTRUCTION NO. 10 - BENCH CONFERENCES AND RECESSES

During the trial, it may be necessary for me to talk with the lawyers out of your hearing, either by having a bench conference here while you are present in the courtroom, or by calling a recess. Please be patient, because while you are waiting, the lawyers and I will be working. The purpose of these conferences is to decide how certain evidence is to be treated under the rules of evidence, to avoid confusion and error, and to save your valuable time. The attorneys and I will, of course, do what we can to keep the number and length of these conferences to a minimum.

## **INSTRUCTION NO. 11 - OBJECTIONS**

The lawyers may make objections and motions during the trial that I must rule upon. If I sustain an objection to a question before it is answered, do not draw any inferences or conclusions from the question itself. Also, the lawyers have a duty to object to testimony or other evidence that they believe is not properly admissible. Do not hold it against a lawyer or the party the lawyer represents because the lawyer has made objections.

## **INSTRUCTION NO. 12 - NOTE-TAKING**

If you want to take notes during the trial, you may, but be sure that your note-taking does not interfere with listening to and considering all the evidence. If you choose not to take notes, remember it is your own individual responsibility to listen carefully to the evidence.

Notes you take during the trial are not necessarily more reliable than your memory or another juror's memory. Therefore, you should not be overly influenced by the notes.

If you take notes, do not discuss them with anyone before you begin your deliberations. At the end of each day, please leave your notes on your chair. At the end of the trial, you may take your notes out of the notebook and keep them, or leave them, and we will destroy them. No one will read the notes, either during or after the trial.

You will notice that we have an official court reporter making a record of the trial. However, we will not have typewritten transcripts of this record available for your use in reaching your verdict.

# INSTRUCTION NO. 13 - CONDUCT OF THE JURY DURING TRIAL

You must decide this case based *solely* on the evidence presented in court, in light of your own observations, experiences, reason, common sense, and the law as it is explained in these Instructions. Therefore, to ensure fairness, you, as jurors, must obey the following rules:

*First*, do not talk among yourselves about this case, or about anyone involved with it, until the end of the case when you go to the jury room to decide on your verdict.

*Second*, do not talk with anyone else about this case or about anyone involved with it until the trial has ended and you have been discharged as jurors.

Third, when you are outside the courtroom, do not let anyone tell you anything about the case, or about anyone involved with it, or about any news story, rumor, or gossip about this case, or ask you about your participation in this case until the trial has ended and I have accepted your verdict. If someone should try to talk to you about the case during the trial, please report it to me.

Fourth, during the trial, you should not talk with or speak to any of the parties, lawyers, or witnesses involved in this case—you should not even pass the time of day with any of them. It is important that you not only do justice in this case, but that you also give the appearance of doing justice. If a person from one side of the case sees you talking to a person from the other side—even if it is simply to pass the time of day—an unwarranted and unnecessary suspicion about your fairness might be aroused. If any lawyer, party, or witness does not speak to you

when you pass in the hall, ride the elevator or the like, it is because he or she is not supposed to talk or visit with you.

Fifth, do not read any news stories or articles about the case, or about anyone involved with it, or listen to any radio or television reports about the case or about anyone involved with it, or let anyone tell you anything about any such news reports. If you want, you can have your spouse or a friend clip out any stories and set them aside to give you after the trial is over. I can assure you, however, that by the time you have heard the evidence in this case you will know more about the matter than anyone will learn through the news media.

*Sixth*, do not do any research—on the Internet, in libraries, in the newspapers, or in any other way—or make any investigation *about this case* on your own.

Seventh, do not make up your mind during the trial about what the verdict should be. Do not discuss this case with anyone, not even with other jurors, until I send you to the jury room for deliberations after closing arguments. Keep an open mind until after you have gone to the jury room to decide the case and you and your fellow jurors have discussed the evidence.

*Eighth*, if at anytime during the trial you have a problem that you would like to bring to my attention, or if you feel ill or need to go to the restroom, please send a note to the Court Security Officer, who will deliver it to me. I want you to be comfortable, so please do not hesitate to inform him of any problem.

I will reserve the remaining Instructions to read at the end of the trial.

#### **INSTRUCTION NO. 14 - DUTY TO DELIBERATE**

A verdict must represent the considered judgment of each juror. *Your verdict* on each charge against the defendant must be unanimous. It is your duty to consult with one another and to deliberate with a view to reaching agreement if you can do so consistent with your individual judgment. You must not surrender your honest convictions as to the weight or effect of the evidence solely because of the opinions of other jurors or for the mere purpose of returning a verdict. Each of you must decide the case for yourself; but you should do so only after consideration of the evidence with your fellow jurors.

In the course of your deliberations you should not hesitate to re-examine your own views, and to change your opinion if you are convinced that it is wrong. To bring twelve minds to an unanimous result, you must examine the questions submitted to you openly and frankly, with proper regard for the opinions of others and with a willingness to re-examine your own views.

Remember that if, in your individual judgment, the evidence fails to establish the defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt on an offense charged against him, then he should have your vote for a not guilty verdict on that offense. If all of you reach the same conclusion, then the verdict of the jury must be not guilty for the defendant on that offense. The opposite also applies for you to find the defendant guilty. As I instructed you earlier, the burden is upon the prosecution to prove beyond a reasonable doubt every essential element of an offense charged against the

defendant, and if the prosecution fails to do so, then you cannot find him guilty of that offense.

Remember, also, that the question before you can never be whether the prosecution wins or loses the case. The prosecution, as well as society, always wins, regardless of whether your verdict is not guilty or guilty, when justice is done.

Finally, remember that you are not partisans; you are judges—judges of the facts. Your sole interest is to seek the truth from the evidence. You are the judges of the credibility of the witnesses and the weight of the evidence.

You may conduct your deliberations as you choose. However, I suggest that you carefully consider all of the evidence bearing upon the questions before you. You may take all the time that you feel is necessary.

There is no reason to think that another trial would be tried in a better way or that a more conscientious, impartial, or competent jury would be selected to hear it. Any future jury must be selected in the same manner and from the same source as you were. If you should fail to agree on a verdict, the case is left open and must be disposed of at some later time.

#### **INSTRUCTION NO. 15 - DUTY DURING DELIBERATIONS**

There are certain rules that you must follow while conducting your deliberations and returning your verdict:

*First*, when you go to the jury room, you must select one of your members as your foreperson. That person will preside over your discussions and speak for you here in court.

*Second*, if the defendant is guilty of a charged offense, then the sentence to be imposed is my responsibility. You may not consider punishment of the defendant in any way in deciding whether the prosecution has proved its case against him beyond a reasonable doubt.

Third, if you need to communicate with me during your deliberations, you may send a note to me through the Court Security Officer, signed by one or more jurors. I will respond as soon as possible, either in writing or orally in open court. Remember that you should not tell anyone—including me—how your votes stand numerically.

*Fourth*, your verdict must be based solely on the evidence and on the law in these instructions. You must return a unanimous verdict on each charge against the defendant. Nothing I have said or done was intended to suggest what your verdict should be—that is entirely for you to decide.

*Fifth*, in your consideration of whether the defendant is not guilty or guilty of an offense charged against him, you must not consider his race, color, religious beliefs, national origin, or sex. You are not to return a verdict for or against the

defendant on a charged offense unless you would return the same verdict on that charge without regard to his race, color, religious beliefs, national origin, or sex. To emphasize the importance of this consideration, the verdict form contains a certification statement. Each of you should carefully read the statement, then sign your name in the appropriate place in the signature block, if the statement accurately

reflects the manner in which each of you reached your decision.

Finally, I am giving you the verdict form. A verdict form is simply the written notice of the decision that you reach in this case. You will take the verdict form to the jury room. Again, you must return a separate, unanimous verdict on each charge against the defendant. When you have reached a unanimous verdict, your foreperson must complete one copy of the verdict form and all of you must sign that copy to record your individual agreement with the verdict and to show that it is unanimous. The foreperson must bring the signed verdict form to the courtroom when it is time to announce your verdict. When you have reached a verdict, the foreperson will advise the Court Security Officer that you are ready to return to the courtroom.

**DATED** this 8th day of January, 2009.

MARK W. BENNETT

U. S. DISTRICT COURT JUDGE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA

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# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA CEDAR RAPIDS DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	
Plaintiff,	No. CR 07-101-MWB
VS.	
ROBERT MIELL,	VERDICT FORM
Defendant.	

As to defendant Robert Miell, we, the Jury, unanimously find as follows:

COUNT 1: FILING OF A FALSE TAX RETURN FOR 2001	VERDICT
On the charge that, on or about April 15, 2002, defendant Miell willfully filed a false tax return for calendar year 2001, by failing to declare as income funds received from AFI, when in truth, and as Miell then and there well knew and believed, he had obtained those funds through fraudulent means and had not used them for their intended purpose, so that the funds constituted taxable income, as explained in <b>Instruction No. 3</b> , what is your verdict?	Not Guilty Guilty
COUNT 2: FILING A FALSE TAX RETURN FOR 2002	VERDICT
On the charge that, on or about September 15, 2003, defendant Miell willfully filed a false tax return for calendar year 2002, by failing to declare as income funds received from AFI, when in truth, and as Miell then and there well knew and believed, he had obtained those funds through fraudulent means and had not used them for their intended purpose, so that the funds constituted taxable income, as explained in <b>Instruction No. 3</b> , what is your verdict?	Not Guilty Guilty

## **CERTIFICATION**

By signing below, each juror certifies that consideration of the race, color, religious beliefs, national origin, or sex of the defendant was not involved in reaching his or her individual decision, and that the individual juror would have returned the same verdict for or against the defendant on the charged offenses regardless of the race, color, religious beliefs, national origin, or sex of the defendant.

Date	
Foreperson	Juror
Juror	Juror